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Delivered via e-mail

Subject: Rico-Argentine Mine Site
Universal Administrative Order for Removal Action ("UAO")
Docket No. CERCLA-08-2011-0005
Weather-Related Work Modification

Dear Mr. Peronard:

As you and I discussed by phone on February 1, 2017, Rico is experiencing extreme weather conditions and snow accumulations this winter, affecting safe access to portions of the site including many of the groundwater monitoring wells and surface water sampling locations along the Dolores River. To protect the health and safety of its contractors and project personnel, Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) has had to cancel the January/February 2017 Low Flow Seasonal Water Quality and Flow Monitoring event, as set forth in Subtask A2 in the Removal Action Work Plan (RAWP). As of the writing of this letter, winter conditions are not affecting ongoing water quality and flow monitoring at the St. Louis Tunnel discharge and outfall flumes (Task A1).

Because this one-time cancellation constitutes a deviation from the RAWP, Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC) is requesting EPA's written confirmation of approval pursuant to Paragraph 54 of the above-referenced UAO. ARC does not anticipate at this time that the April/May Peak Flow seasonal monitoring event will be affected. We will let EPA know if that situation changes.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me at (714) 228-6770 or via e-mail at Anthony.Brown@bp.com.

Sincerely,



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